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Rule 13.01

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**ARTICLE XIII  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SENATE**

**RESOLVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE  
WHOLE SENATE**

**Rule 13.01.** It shall be in order for the Senate at any time after bills and resolutions have been called to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole Senate.

**Editorial Note**

A motion to resolve the Senate into a Committee of the Whole immediately requires only a majority vote, inasmuch as it is equivalent to a motion to recess (43 S.J. Reg. 1559 (1933)).

**CHAIR OF COMMITTEE OF THE  
WHOLE SENATE**

**Rule 13.02.** In forming a Committee of the Whole Senate, the President shall leave the chair and shall appoint a chair to preside in committee.

**RIGHT OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO  
DEBATE AND VOTE IN COMMITTEE  
OF THE WHOLE SENATE**

**Rule 13.03.** When in Committee of the Whole Senate, the President shall have the right to debate and vote on all questions. (Constitution, Article IV, Section 16)

**PROCEDURE IN COMMITTEE OF THE  
WHOLE SENATE**

**Rule 13.04.** The rules of the Senate, as far as applicable, shall be observed in Committee of the Whole Senate.

Rule 13.05

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#### **DEBATE AND AMENDMENTS**

**Rule 13.05.** Upon a matter being referred to a Committee of the Whole Senate or a subcommittee of a Committee of the Whole Senate, the matter shall be read and debated by clauses, leaving the preamble, if any, to be last considered. The body of the bill shall not be defaced or interlined, but all amendments, noting the page or line, shall be duly entered by the Secretary of the Senate or the clerk of the subcommittee on a separate sheet of paper as the same shall be agreed to by the committee and so reported to the Senate. After the report, the bill shall again be subject to be debated and amended or committed before a question to engross it be taken.

#### **Editorial Note**

No journal is kept by the Journal Clerk of the proceedings of the Senate when in Committee of the Whole.

#### **ARTICLE XIV NOMINATIONS BY THE GOVERNOR**

##### **REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE**

**Rule 14.01.** When nominations shall be sent to the Senate by the Governor, a future day shall be assigned for action thereon, unless the Senate unanimously directs otherwise. They shall be referred directly to either the Committee on Nominations or the standing committee with jurisdiction over the subject matter involved, which shall hold hearings and report its actions directly back to the Senate.

##### **NOTICE RULE**

**Rule 14.02.** Nominations, having been reported out of the Nominations Committee or other appropriately designated standing committee, shall not be acted upon unless the names of the nominees or individual nominee shall have been printed and a copy thereof furnished to each member 24 hours beforehand.